GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

ELECTORAL ROLLS – Andhra Pradesh State – Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls with reference to 01.01.2016 as the qualifying date in 29 Urban Assembly Constituencies – Schedule & Ban on transfers of key officials connected with the work of revision of rolls – Orders - Issued

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 673 **Dated: 22-03-2016**

Read the following:-

1. From the ECI, Lr.No.23/AP/2015, dt.04.12.2015.
2. From the ECI, Lr.No.23/AP/2015/SSIII, dt.02.02.2016.
3. This office Memo No.4662/Elecs.E/A2/2015-6, dated 08.01.2016.
4. This office Memo No.4662/Elecs.E/A2/2015-7, dated 01.02.2016.
5. This office Memo No.4662/Elecs.E/A2/2015-11, dated 06.02.2016.

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Due to merger of Gram Panchayats in Municipal Corporations / Urban Local Bodies, there are 3 to 4 types of house numbers enumerated and incorporated in the electoral rolls of these ULBs. Due to such variation in the house numbering, the electors of one family might have got spread over to different Polling Stations and some voters are enrolled in the Polling Stations, which are located far away from their residences. Even during door to door verification at the time of Special Summary Revision every year, the BLOs are not able to trace out the electors as per the existing Electoral Rolls since their names / houses do not fall in the NazariNaksha of the Polling Station of that BLO.

2. To set right these anomalies in the electoral rolls, the Election Commission of India vide its references 1st& 2nd read above has ordered to take up Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls with reference to 01.01.2016 as the qualifying date in the following (29) Urban Assembly Constituencies comprising within the Municipal Corporation areas of all districts (except Srikakulam, West Godavari and Anathapuramu districts) of Andhra Pradesh State:-

Sl.No.	Name of the District	A.C No.	Name of the Assembly Consntituency
1	Vizianagaram	18	Vizianagaram
2	Visakhapatnam (Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation)	20	Bhimili
		21	Visakhapatnam East
		22	Visakhapatnam South
		23	Visakhapatnam North
		24	Visakhapatnam West
		25	Gajuwaka
		30	Anakapalle
		31	Pendurthi
3	East Godavari	38	Kakinada Rural
		41	Kakinada City
		50	Rajahmundry City
		51	Rajahmundry Rural
4	Krishna (Vijayawada Municipal Corporation)	79	Vijayawada West
		80	Vijayawada Central
		81	Vijayawada East
5	Guntur (Guntur Municipal Corporation)	93	Prathipadu (SC)
		94	Guntur West
		95	Guntur East
6	Prakasam (Ongole Municipal Corporation)	107	Santhanuthalapadu (SC)
		108	Ongole
7	Nellore (Nellore Municipal Corporation)	117	Nellore City
		118	Nellore Rural
8	Kadapa	126	Kadapa
9	Kurnool (Kurnool Municipal Corporation)	137	Kurnool
		138	Panyam
		143	Kodumuru (SC)
10	Chittoor (Tirupathi Municipal Corporation)	166	Chandragiri
		167	Tirupathi

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3. The Election Commission of India has issued schedule for taking up the said Intensive / Special Revision. According to the schedule, Preliminary Activities have already been commenced from 15.02.2016 and door-to-door verification will be completed by 31.03.2016 and after preparation of maps of Polling Stations and updation of electoral roll database, the final rolls will be published on 16.05.2016.

4. The revision process has a number of pre-determined activities, which need to be completed within pre-fixed time lines. It is a massive activity in which the entire election machinery starting with CEO/DEOs/EROs/AEROs and ending with Supervisors and BLOs, has to be fully involved.

5. The existing provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 stipulates that any officer or staff employed in connection with the preparation, revision and correction of the Electoral Rolls shall be deemed to be on deputation to the Election Commission for the period during which they are so employed and such officer and staff shall, during that period, be subject to the control, superintendence and discipline of the Election Commission. Any transfer of key officials during the period of revision will adversely affect the work and the quality of revision process. The entire revision process has to be done in a prefixed time schedule. The gigantic work involves meticulous planning, professional management, close supervision as well as monitoring and discussion with stake holders including political parties, RWAs/NGOs etc. It is, therefore, necessary that during the aforesaid period, the transfer of any officer engaged in this exercise should be avoided.

6. The ECI has directed to ensure that all existing vacancies of posts related to electoral rolls work like AEROs, EROs and DEOs, if any, should be filled up immediately and directed that no officials connected with the exercise of revision of electoral rolls like the DEOs, Dy.DEOs, the EROs, the AEROs, Supervisors and BLOs should be transferred from their places of posting without the prior concurrence of the Election Commission during the period of Revision.

7. In view of the above, it is necessary that key officials connected with the exercise of preparation of Photo Electoral Rolls like District Election Officers [all Collectors], the Electoral Registration Officers (Sub-Collectors/Revenue Divisional Officers/ Deputy Collectors/ Joint Collectors-II / Municipal Commissioners / Addl. Municipal Commissioners of certain Municipal Corporations), the Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (all Tahsildars / Municipal Commissioners), Supervisors and Booth Level Officers should not be disturbed from their places of posting without prior concurrence of the Election Commission from now onwards till the date of final publication i.e.16.05.2016

8. Further, in order to strengthen the functioning of the Electoral Registration Authorities, it is necessary to fill up all the vacant posts, if any, of the categories mentioned in paras (6) & (7) above connected with the revision of electoral rolls.

9. No officer/officials should be associated with the work relating to or connected with, revision of electoral rolls (i) against whom the Commission has recommended any disciplinary action and the same is pending, or (ii) to whom major penalty has been given as a result of said disciplinary proceeding, or (ii) against whom a serious criminal case is pending in any court of law, or (iv) who was transferred out during any previous revision of rolls or conduct of elections for inefficiency or wilfully violating the ECI directions.

10. Accordingly, the Government hereby order that all officials connected with the intensive / special revision of photo electoral rolls of 29 Assembly Constituencies i.e. all District Election Officers viz., all District Collectors, District Revenue Officers, Electoral Registration Officers (all Sub-Collectors/Revenue Divisional Officers/ Deputy Collectors / Joint Collectors-II / Municipal Commissioners / Addl. Municipal Commissioners of certain Municipal Corporations), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (Tahsildars / Municipal Commissioners), Supervisors, VROs/VRAs, Panchayat Secretaries and other officials appointed as Booth Level Officers should not be disturbed from their place of posting without prior concurrence of the Election Commission of India till the date of final publication i.e.16.05.2016.

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11. In case, it becomes absolutely necessary to make any transfer of the above key election officers connected with the revision of photo electoral rolls or there is any need for shifting of officers due to their promotion etc., the Election Commission would consider the same on merits on case to case basis. In case of Supervisors and Booth Level Officers, when it becomes absolutely necessary to make any transfer of the Booth Level Officers during the revision period or there is any need for shifting of officers due to their promotion etc., the Chief Electoral Officer would consider the same on merits on case to case basis. In respect of other officers, proposal should be sent to Commission through the Chief Electoral Officer giving details and full justification for the same. However, all transfers arising out of regular promotions of probationers (AIS as well as SCS) have been kept out of the purview of the ban on transfers during the revision process. In the implementation of these orders, wherever any officer needs to be posted in place of an officer who is to be transferred, the Commission / Chief Electoral Officer shall be invariably consulted while posting the substitute officer.

12. The authorities noted in the address entry (General Administration, Revenue, Municipal Administration and Panchayat Raj Departments) shall fill up all the vacant posts, if any, of the officials who are acting as District Election Officers (Collectors), Electoral Registration Officers (Sub-Collectors / Revenue Divisional Officers / Deputy Collectors / Joint Collectors-II / Municipal Commissioners / Addl. Municipal Commissioners of certain Municipal Corporations), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (Tahsildars / Municipal Commissioners) in 29 Assembly Constituencies of the State, immediately and furnish a certificate that all posts of officers related to the work of roll revision are filled up and that no such post is left vacant.

13. The Collectors & District Election Officers (except DEOs of Srikakulam, West Godavari and Ananthapuramu districts) shall take further necessary action in the matter on top priority in consultation with the administrative departments concerned and furnish a certificate that all posts of officers related to the work of roll revision are filled up and that no such post is left vacant immediately.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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The Revenue (Services) Department
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department
The Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Hyderabad
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj Department, Hyderabad
The Commissioner & Director, Municipal Administration Department, Hyderabad
All Collectors & District Election Officers (except DEOs of Srikakulam, West Godavari and Ananthapuramu districts)

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